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THE MARECHAL-NIEL ROSE,

of the Second Empire. pire. In 1859, when the French army

him a whole basket of wild roses from ounce charge of carbo-dynamite. the Campagna region. General Niel Equal charges of a quarter ounce of fused, and so he was put to his trumps had always been extremely found of were also exploded inside two thick he sees, in the light of these old letters, ses, and most of these were new to lead cylinders, of a capacity of four him, and thus served to amuse him and three-fourths cubic inches, with Hard at the time these failures; but until they were withered. He observe the result that this capacity was exed, however, that one particular shoot panded to nearly thirty-six cubic have become to him had not laded and died like the others, inches with carbo-dynamits, but to but kad grawn into a beautiful green only twenty-one inches with ordinary plant of perhaps ten inches long, dynamite. When he looked to see why this one Similar charges of the two explosives fleets, time and distance throw over soon secured by the hunters sent by long roll of tin foil, upon which are of a pall-h-yellow line. Scarcely know- carbo-dynamite did its work much bet- Boston Herald. ing why. Niel determined to keep the shoot so curiously pre-cryed. When he returned to Paris he placed the The last experiment in the open conwas ended, and he were for the first ground

"And so you have proved the truth of what the old abbe used to say in his frealfully tedious sermons at Paul of retrospection in her lovely dark etes, "Now, Monsieur le Marcelial," sald she, vivaciously, "I shall chris-

en this rose for you." "Do so," said the Franco-Irish sol-

eral of his day. Lightly putting the rose to her lips, she said : "It is named the Marechal is on the battlefield."

This gracious speech went straight to work is only a question of time.the great soldier's Irsh heart. "You will wear it to-night, Your Maesty, will you not, and afterward give

it to me to keep, this happy rose?" "Monsieur le Murechal! said the Empress, with great dignity. "I pray your forgiveness," he an-

ought to be," she replied; "but-but going away to the seashore or the people might hear," and with a Par- mountains, they preferably stow away Four days thereafter Colonel Lewal, to these to supply them with all need- and find fine silk stockings, padding then Niel's chief of staff, but not long ful romance. And yet there is more stays, a coat with frogs and a fur coisince Minister of War for the French romance to be got out of one package of lar, a star and bine ribbon, a pocket-Republic, observed his chief take a old letters from intimate associates of handkerchief prodigiously scented, surreptitions resebud out of an envelope one's youth than out of half a circulations one of Truefitt's best mutty-brown he had just recieved, and lock it up in ing library of novels. With most men wigs reking with oil, a set of teeth and

ORIGIN OF GENIUS.

Colombus was the son of a weaver and a weaver himself. Rabelsis, son of an apothecary. Moliere, son of a tapestry maker. Carvantes served as a common sol-

Homer was a beggar. Domosthenes, son of a cutler Terence was a slave. Richardson was a printer.

Howard, an apprentice to a grecer.

at Therford. Lucian was the son of a statuary. Dr. Samu-I Johnston was the son of a tmok-eller at Liolifichi,

BETTER THAN POWDER.

of High Explosives. liest roses of its kind, the noisette, and about thirty-used in industrial pur- novel to the seashore for food of ro- the explanation: in its name and origin there is one of Suits or for war purposes another very mancel" ories the fairly fascinated A heavy down occurs under a clear, Irish noble families who emigrated to count of its absorbest property; but here he hits it! Closer home to him! corps with such eminent ability and perous nature. As curbon is com-

o return to France. He had been ter- trials earried out at Troherbert, ribly wounded, and had suffered be- Rhondda valley, South Wales. In the sides from the dreadful fever of the first experiment an eighty-pound between hie and death, with only his side, was smashed through by an ounce surgeon, who was his constant com- and a half of carbo-dynamite, about panlon, and a soldier servant, who nine inches of the rail being blown

young shoot with an expert floricultur- sisted in placing one ounce each of But the anonymous writer may dd- was the universal belief in metempsy- the grade-crossing. At the prope ist, and next spring it here four of the carbo-dynamite and ordinary dynamite cide to comment only without directlaveliest bals in the world, of a pale- on flat steel disks, three inches in dilemen tinge. At that time General Niel was settled for to receive the highest military rank then known in the France, the Grand Cross of the Legion, that the ordinary dynamite had indent- of his motives and the lamentable folly fill the bodies of white creatures. The and his commission as Marshal of ed its disk a quarter of an inch, while of his conduct. It is comical to think essence of the Buddhas, the performers France, in presence of three Emperors the carbo-dynamite had caused a con- of the avalanche of such letters which of the greatest good of all, therefore and all the Kings in Europe worth deeper than the other, besides driving naming. After the solemn erremony the appropriate size of the solemn erremony the solemn error of the

vapors were plainly discernible. Carsaid the Empress (who, like Queen bo-dynamite, consequently, will enable Elizabeth, "loved a flue man,") to the miners to pursue their ardnous work and somest and most daring, as well without injury to health, and the adas one of the ablest of the Marshals of vantage claimed for it, that no injuhe Second Empire. "Dear me but he rious fumes are generated in its exwas tedious, that good abbe," continu- plosions, seems to be well established.

ed her Majesty, with the softest look As carbo-dynamite is not affected by moisture, not exuding or parting with its nitro-glycerine when exposed to damp or water, it may safely be mixed with that liquid in any required proportion, and thus treated used in fiery mines, the large volume of steam gendier, howing very low, but flushing at erated at the moment of explosion, not her a gance of protound admiration only extinguishing any flame which so warm that it deepened her color a might have been produced, but also little as they stood alone, for, though adding considerably to the effect of the the great salon of the place was crowd- shot. It is further stated that the maned, no one dared interrupt a tete-a-tete | ufacture of carbo-dynamite is simple which she herself had allowed, between and inexpensive, and that its cost to the Empress and the handsomest Gen- the user will not exceed that of ordinary dynamite. These latter points remain, of course, to be proved, but from what has been said of its use and effect, there can be no doubt that a very Niel, for the soldier sans peur et sans formidable rival has arisen to ordinary eproche, as gallant in the salon as he dynamite, and that the introduction of carbo-dynamite in mining or tunneling

Chambers' Journal. READING OLD LETTERS.

A Piessurable Pastime That Is Neglected in These Busy Days. In these busy days how many people ever, find time to rummage out a package of time-stained old letters, and then yield themselves up to the spell of shadowy. All forgotten with them is per's Magazine. how they used to exult, and weep, and hope and despair-all forgotten how rapturous the wine of youth was, how Claude Larraine was bred a pastry comes the package of old letters to the rescue. Under its enchanting wand the sensations become positively startling, as the diorama of the past

begins to unroll, and scene after scene breaks in with its old, vivid associa-The first to be opened is, perhaps, a first left for the boarding-school, or to of summer these webs are about as or six drops of the oil of mustard and seek his fortune in the world, and, Tomas Paine, son of a staymaker away schoolmate. "Poor Tom!" the little napkins spread all over the daughters. As to their virtues, what Ben Johnson worked for some time
as a brickinger.

Robert Burns was a ploughman in
Aysbire.

Herry Kirk White, son of a butcher

Ben Johnson worked for some time
as a brickinger, and unserver eturn the way I go, and am distinction to get a the houses at which joy, and Tom thought he knew the reason why. Then followed a college they are due to nothing but the moisting to get and wide, and I never return the way I go, and am distinction to get a the houses at which ing the same regular dist.

Herry Kirk White, son of a butcher

Ben Johnson worked for some time

She looked like an angel, Tom's affiday in the results to go and am distinction to get a the houses at which ing the same regular dist.

How to country is big and wide, and I never return the way I go, and am distinction to get a pullances to ride, walk, dance, a pullances to ride way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and a m distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and a m distinction to return the way I go, and a m distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go, and am distinction to return the way I go,

the rejuvenated fellow remembers this. The files and insects would avoid them One of the Bitherto Unwritten Remances A Fowerful Arent Ad to I to the Long List was just what he once believed of it in the morning, but at midday they do himself, and was flually sure of, when not detect them so readily. To the already long list of so-called his classmates flocked round him and If these webs have any significance The Marsebal Niel is one of the love- high explosives of which there are nearly shook his arms off. "Take a as signs of the weather, this may be

the hitherto number romances of powerful explosive agent has just been reader. "Why, in this old package of cool sky, and the night preceding a the court of France in the Second Em. | added. As its name-carbo-dynamite | letters there are more starts and sur | day of rain is usually a dewices night. -implies, carbon forms part of its prises, more themes for pathetic re- Much dow, then means fair weather, constitution. It should be stated that | flection, more bursts of golden sun- and a copings dex discloses the spiwas sent to help King Victor Emman- to ordinary dynamite seventy-five per shine and glooms of lowering clouds: der's webs. It is the dew that is significant and not the way to refer the first seventy-five per shine and glooms of lowering clouds: tief drive the Austrians out of Italy, eent of nitro-glycorine is absorbed by than Balzac or Victor Hugo ever tillicant and not the webs. -- John Burthe Taird Army Curps was command- twenty-five per cent. of kieselguhr, an packed into the most world famous reed by General Neil. This officer, as carthly mineral specially suitable for mance. At least the tears and exultahis name implies, came of one of those the manufacture of dynamite on actions came closer home to me." And

1790, as did the McMahons, the Fitz- it is incombastible. In carbo-dyna- old letters. It reveals one human life mite ninety parts by weight of nitro- at least as a unity of endless variety. in nothing but their names. General glycerine are taken up by ten parts of it gives the past the distinctness of the Niel had commanded and fought his a specially prepared carbon of a very present filling up and making solid distinguished courage, that when peace was made, with his countrymen and friend, MacMathan, he was created a Marshal of France. It was well night and the first Courage Niel was able to the explosive effect of the whole mass, and in this respect, it will be seen, carbo-dynamite is superior to ordinary dynamite.

But it possesses other advantages, the heart now feels, is not the barren of the heart now feels pity, for each! Human life, after all kind is an albino among elephants, autumn before General Niel was able which were demonstrated at other thing one is so apt to think it, when surrendered to a single monotonous

Datian marshes. For months he was double-headed steel rail, placed on its low people ready to say that it makes them simply sad to read old letters. lights on subjects of felicitation. Now One day a pessant woman brought two tons, was broken up by a two-once it nearly killed him; now so glad his speech was hissed or his article re-Like mounts a surges overpassed,

In purple distance fair.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS

order, "A fee to frauds and hum-

know of this omnipresent, invisible police, which regulates public men and One of these white elephants was sent pares and adjusts the "tootomete deserts in the anonymous letter. There as a valuable gift from the King. The foil are carefully indexed and prewas a public man with a lively sonse luckless nobleman dared not refuse the served for future reference, and the of humor who said that whenever he present as he valued his life, but was engineer credited or charged with made a speech of importance or signif- obliged to receive the animal, build a omissions of whistle. you think of yourself now?" and proaware of the profound odium into received the fatal gift. This accom- they were blown before the crossing which he had fallen. "There," said plished, the King took posession again was reached. The tinfoil strips can be Pericles, "are the hamorous reliefs of of the elephant. - Cor. San Francisco produced at an inquest or in a court public life. The importance which Chronicle. such worthy people attach to the expression of their dislike, the ingenious asperity of their tone, and at the end of the fulminating document no name, all reminds me in another way of Thackeray's description of George the Fourth." He laughed as he recalled

Does the gentle reader recall it? Did he, perhaps, hear Thackeray read it with his rich voice, and its rollicking tone when he came to the humorous passages? Does it not seem another New York in which these lectures were delivered? He is describing the fourth George, but it is the writer of such letters as Pericles receives, with his pretentious self-importance, his perfumed air of superiority, and his air of pompous impudence, who seems to have sat for the a novel or two in the valise, and trust portrait: "I try to take him to pieces, a private drawer-Leslie's Popular and women of forty or fifty, the un- a huge black stock, under-waistcoats, stirred memory of the early days of more under-waistcoats, and then nothlife has grown utterly vague and ing."-George William Curtes, in Har-

THE SPIDER'S WEB. bitter its dregs and lees. But now Why It Is More Noticeable on Some Mornings Than on Others. I read a statement not long ago, about the spiders' webs that cover the | and have found that the viler the smell

France after the battle of Boyne in kieselguhr has this disadvantage—that Here lies the spell of the package of

The Omnipresent Police Which Watches naming After the solemn ceremony its supporting ring deeply into the accommodate the drifts. The wisdom monkey, swans and doves; the latterwhich proceeds from statesmen in the time migrations when nearing the sutime in that day the Grand Cross of In order to show that in using carbo- barber's chair and on the benches of preme heaven. Neibhan, being into of tinfoil in time and unison with the barber's chair and on the benches of preme heaven. the Legion of Honor, he went to the dynamite in underground work no Union and Madison squares overflows the forms of the higher white animals, movement of the engine. All trains of the Ferral and the forms of the higher white animals, are run on exact time on this road. reception of the Empress who was noxides fumes arise, an experiment in this annonymous correspondence. and a white elephant, from the rarity are run on exact time on this road, so sphendid in her perfection of heanty- was made in a tunnel half a mile long It is in vain that the editorial male- of the occurrence, is the highest. and presented to her a curious yellow- constructing for the Rhondda & Swan- factor attempts to escape judgment. sh rose of perfection form and per. sea Bay railway. When a shot had The anonymous letter writer knows animal, might possibly be the happy fume, but different from any she had been fired in the rock at the heading much better than he knows himself, and honored possessor of Buddha him-extra whistling is done to drive cow of the tunnel with one pound of carbo- and his efforts to pose as a patriot, as self. I was informed that the money dynamite no deleterious fumes could a lover of order, as a friend of progbe detected. When, however, subsequently, a shot was fired with one pound of ordinary dynamite, noxious pound of ordinary dynamite, noxious knows," by "Aristides," by "You great care of have a retinue of the exact location of the engine or the result at the time of the blasts is done. know who," and by that terrible fel- servants to attend upon them, and are the rails at the time of the blasts is delow who keeps society in such good | accorded royal honora.

editors, giving the reprobates their to the individual desired to be humbled, for the return trip. The strips of tin uniformly, "Well, Pericles, what do large sums in keeping him in stately on a grade crossing the tootome ceeding to ask whether he was not yet | financial ruin of the person who had | blasts and denote the distance at which

WHITE ELEPHANTS.

Rare Beasts That Are Kept as Sacred by

As is well known, what is termed a only seen one of them during the whole term of my residence in Burmah. It was not really white either, but of a caused by a species of leprosy. This The Burmese have gone to war with the Siamese on several occasions for the possession of white clephants, so highly valued were they. Large rewards were formally given to any one who discovered the whereabouts of a white elephant. He could not attempt A great mista're this. Perpetually one to capture it for himself, it being a treasonable offense to do so, but had proved to be an admirable nurse in his der of hard sandstone, weighing about of a certain delectable Mary, though was. The capture was usually effeeted with the aid of a handsome tame female, who acted the part of er set his watch exactly with the decoy to perfection. She was sent to carbo-dynamite and ordinary dynamite to do better. Halt his worst failures go and meet the white elephant and attract his attention. She would pretend she did not desire his proffered caresses, and walk away in the direction of the inclosure made for his re-ception, looking back, however, as if the of course whistle soundings. The "tootometer" to say: "Follow me." He, of course, does follow her and is lost. She leads Ah! the glamour of beauty, he re- him into the inclosure, where he is had grown and the others finled, he were then placed inside two thick steel steep and ragged experiences. Why the King. He is then led in state to found that a bit of the root had been tubes, each one foot long. The ordinacut away with the flower, which was ry dynamite burst its tube well, but the just such a "reading of old letters?" some and highly-decorated stable has been built for his recaption. He is

adorned with golden ornaments. The cause of all this respect being paid to the so-called white elephant Thus, the King, by obtaining such an value of a white elephant was fully poses than grain crossings the soun

The story of how these Kings form-The great public will be glad to ing any of their subjects who were be- engineer to the proper official, who cance he received a letter beginning special residence for him, and spend In the event of a person being killed comfort. The result was generally the will truthfully indicate the which

SURE-ALL VENDERS.

nol, one ounce of oll of mustard, three lozen small tin salve boxes and the same number of one-half ounce vials." -Now that was certainly a queer-look ing purchase for such an "ornery" looking fellow to be making. So the druggist asked him kindly to come in and look at his samples when the wine in them was red, and he soon had the fakir, for such he was, making a confession to him. And this was the "These things cost me less than 70

when they are filled at 25 cents each-

in all, I shall realize \$35. Any pared for it, and baited with a live trouble to sell? Not a bit of it. I rare- bullock. Two days afterward some ly stop at a farm-house that I fall to men who were watching from a machon sell one of each-sometimes two, three spled the dread for creep up to the or a half dozen; while at every village trap, make a spring and disappear. I enter a dozen or so go off like hot With yells of exultation which rose cakes. What is it, you say, and how above the roars of the tiger, the men do I work it? Nothing simpler. The ran off to report the capture, and soon axle grease goes into the tin boxes. I all the ingenuity of Gidhaur was exdid not ask for the cheapest to save ercised to get the prize out of the trap money, but for the smell. Twe done alive. considerable patent medicine vending. The plan devised was to dig a second fields and meadows on certain mora- the readler it sells. This axis grease, down a strong bamboo eage into it. ings in the summer, which was not en- once it is in the tiny tin box, I call it Then a tunnel was made from the Light tirely exact. It is not quite true, in corn salve-receipe obtained from a second pit to within a foot of the pit the sense in which it was uttered, that Sioux medicine man. Nine people in which confined the tiger, and the cage these spiders' wobs are more abundant ten in the country have corns on their with a goat in it was pushed along. on some mornings than on others, and feet, and a single smell of the stuff is door first, to the end of the tunnel letter from the long-dead dear old that they presage fair weather. Now, enough to effect a sale. In the vials I These arrangements being all com-Oliver Cromwell, the son of a brew- mother. It was written when her boy the truth is that during the latter half pour two tablespoonsful of alcohol, five pleted the door of the cage was lifted. abundant at one time as at another; fill it up with water. The vial then remained between the tunnel and the pit Benjamin Franklin, a journeyman with the rereading of it across the but they are much more noticeable on becomes toothache drops, which I was broken. In a moment the imprisabyss of time, how the heart beats some mornings than on others—a learned how to make (I mean to tell oned tiger plunged through the open-Widifield, son of an inn-keeper at again with the old fears and hopes, the heavy dew brings them to view. They the people this) from a Turk, ing into the cage and upon the goat, Gloucester.

Gloucester.

Sir Cloudesly Shovel, Rear Admiral resolve never to bring grief or shame moraing of fog, such as often fills our of Marmora, and he gave me the recipe opened again till cage and tiger were of England, was an apprentice to a shormaker, and afterwards a cabin boy, ter from a Damon or Pythias of a far-shormaker, and afterwards a cabin boy, ter from a Damon or Pythias of a far-fall approaches. They then look like heart sighs before one begins to read, as one recalls how sad a fate in life the unhappy fellow hal. But no trace of foreboding in the letter. Tem is the old young Tom of fourteen years. He has just been to a dancing party, where he had a cotilifon and the Virginia reel with airy, fairy Mary Phelps. She looked like an angel, Tom's affigure of the property of the p

TAYLOR'S TOOTOMETER.

A Novel Investion Which Registers the Whistles of Lecomotives. Frank B. Taylor, of Bridgeport, Conn., the inventor of the "socophone," for transmitting messages or holding conversations with engineers while under full speed on their locomotives, has just patented a device which he calls a tootemeter. In reality, it is a species of phonograph. Mr. Taylor was led to believe that some mechanical device could be employed to settle the oft-disputed question in regard to whistling at grade crossings. There IN FACT THE LARGEST IN THE INTERIOR OF KENTUCKY are a large number of grade crossings in this State upon which annually many lives are lost. The relatives of white elephant is a rarity, and I have that the locomotive whistle was not themselves against damages, dispute dirty vellowish color not at all hand-some, and probably the light color is the point so often taken. Mr. Taylor Barns. We are the agents for the most celebrated

In order to explain its workings, the run of any engine on the New York & New Haven road may be used engine is backed up in front of the de- find pot and attached to the train. The THREE FLOORS FULL OF USEFUL GOODS. engineer, George Corbett, steps into the dispatchers's office to get the time already set for Engineer Corbett's run. is placed in a pocket bracket on the front of the cab, just beneath the is unwound from one axle to another fed with sugar case and fruit, and so that each line representing a cross so that each line representing a cross ing will be brought to the "sounder ment that the locomotive speeds over

The sounds are registered by the "tootometer." Should the engine the "tootometer," rolling off its stri "tootometer" disagreeing with the time grade crossing are reached. I off the track or blown for other pur erly used them for the purpose of ruin- the "teotometer" is handed by the coming too wealthy is well known. removes the roll of sounds and pro-

justice in evidence, and dissipate t necessity of an enormous amount swearing as to the fact of the whistle having sounded or not. By running Composition of Patent Corn Salve and the strips through a phonograph, th exact volume of sound and the key of "I want a box of the cheapest axle- the whistle can be reproduced. This grease in stock, one-half pint of alco- can be done at any future convenient time. Mr. Taylor, the inventor, has assurances that his invention will go

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